HOMARI AOKI: There are a few pieces of information that you'll need to know and a few action items that will need to be taken before applying for the grant. The first is that you will need to understand the grant requirements. You will also need to know your funding allocation numbers and you'll need to determine who will apply for the grant, as well as identify key points of contact. You'll need to register for the proper online application systems as well, and download the application materials, or request printed application materials.

Those materials can be accessed through the Energy.gov/gdo/gridresilience website. And questions about the application can either be sent to GDOTribalAssistance@hq.doe.gov, or you can call 240-654-2941. Before we go into the grant requirements, I want to provide a quick guide to the different websites that will be helpful in applying for the grant.

First we have the Grid Deployment Office. This is Grid Resilience State and Tribal Formula Grant webpage. This

website has the latest news about the Grid Resilience

Formula Grant and webinar information will be available
on this page as well. You can access this website
through Energy.gov/gdo/gridresilience. Second, we have
the National Energy Technology Laboratories Grant
Application website. This includes a link to the grant
application, as well as the allocations list and forms,
as well as the reporting documents.

The Grid Deployment Office has contracted with the National Energy Technology Laboratory to help administer the grant, so many of the application resources are listed on this website. The URL for the National Energy Technology Labs webpage is netl.doe.gov/BILhub/grid-resilience/formula-grants. And finally, the grant application itself is listed on FedConnect.net. Updates to the grant opportunity are listed here and the applicants will need to use FedConnect in order to submit their forms.

The FedConnect website also includes information on eligibility, award administration, as well as the

objectives and scope. These three websites will be the main pages that will be used to access the grant information. Once you're on the FedConnect grant page, you'll be able to see the documentation on the right side of the screen. The guidance and requirements for this grant are listed on the document, also known as the administrative and legal requirements document or the ALRD. This is similar to the Funding Opportunity Announcements or FOAs, which you may be familiar with if you have applied to a federal financial assistance grant in the past.

The distinction between the ALRD and FOA comes from the differences in funding types. This grant is a formula grant, and is non-competitive as each eligible applicant has a specific allocation they can request. The ALRD is specific to the Grid Resilience Formula Grant and will be amended with updates. Please make sure to review the latest ALRD amendment when submitting your application.

On the FedConnect web page, you'll be able to view the latest version of the last amendment to the Funding Opportunity under the documentation column. The last amendment is highlighted in red. Once you access the ALRD, you can find the application requirements needed for this grant under Section IV. One thing to note is that the ALRD may be amended from time to time. Changes to the ALRD will be highlighted in a different color for each amendment. You can quickly view the changes by looking for the highlighted sections of an amended ALRD. Please make sure to refer to the latest amendment when submitting your application.

The GDO team is available to meet with Tribes one-onone to discuss the grant. If you have any questions,
please contact GDOTribalAssistance@hq.doe.gov, or 240654-2941. We'll be happy to provide an overview of the
grant, as well as answer any questions that you may
have. Next you'll need to know the funding allocations
for your state, territory or Indian Tribe. These
allocations can be found on the NETL Grid Resilience
Formula Grant web page. Allocations will be posted on

the NETL site each year. These allocations will not be the same each year as the data used in the grant formula will be updated yearly.

Please make sure to use the funding allocations for the corresponding year when submitting your application.

For fiscal year 2022 and fiscal year 2023, both allocations will be combined and can be requested in one application. There are three main points of contacts that must be identified within the application.

First is the sole authorized applicant on behalf of the state or Indian Tribe. This ensures that only one application is submitted on behalf of an applicant, and that the submission has been approved by the applicant. Second, you'll need to know the principal investigator, also known as the technical project manager, for the projects and technical activities performed under the grant. This individual will be responsible for reporting on all technical aspects of the work being performed.

And finally, the business point of contact who is responsible for administering and financial aspects of the grant, and completing and certifying financial reporting requirements will need to be identified as well. The same person could potentially be all three points of contact, but may likely be different individuals.

If your Tribe is applying as part of a Tribal
Consortium, or is working with a third party agent,
you'll need to identify additional information. For a
Tribal Consortium application, you'll need to identify
the lead Indian Tribe that will apply on behalf of the
Consortium and they will need to identify the points of
contact. Please note the Tribal Consortium applications
were added in Amendment 7 of the ALRD. If your Tribe is
interested in having a third party representative, you
may need to identify the third party agent that will
represent the Tribe or the Tribal Consortium. And that
concludes the first section on what you need to know
before you apply.

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